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# UWAC Club News

## Utah's Wasatch Airstream Club News

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### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

*Hello all!*

Welcome to the final word. That's right, this is the final word from me as President.

Back in the fall of 2015, when the club got its charter, I had no idea what to expect. It's been two years now and our club now has over 40 member families. What a great start!

I can't take all the credit for getting the club up and running. From websites, to Facebook, to membership, to rally hosts, I have had great people helping where they can. I hope these people know that I truly appreciate them, and all that they have done for the club.

As I step aside as president, I will say that I am leaving the club in good hands. Julie Schofield will be stepping up as President, Peter Van Hook will now be our Vice President and Jim Powell is the new Second V.P. I have no doubt that these folks will keep the club running smoothly.

This next year is going to be a great one. We have a lot of great events currently being planned. We are working with Airstream of Utah, our local dealer in Salt Lake, to put together a Saturday morning maintenance seminar in March. In May we are excited to attend our spring opener in Moab. John and Bonnie Ruskauff are hosting Airstreams and Arches May 3-6. There is no better time to visit Moab than in the Spring. A big event for us in the west, is the WBCCI International Rally at Salem Oregon in June. We will be having a caravan from northern Utah to Salem Oregon for this rally. Even if you are not able to attend the international rally, you might still consider joining us for the caravan. In the fall is the region 11 rally. It will be held in Albuquerque New Mexico close to the balloon fiesta. The rally is held shortly before the actual balloon fiesta so you could attend both. The balloon fiesta is definitely a bucket list item.

The club has been a great thing for me and my family. We have been able to meet many people that we enjoy spending time with. As club members, we have been brought together because of a single brand of recreational vehicle, and now we have become friends.



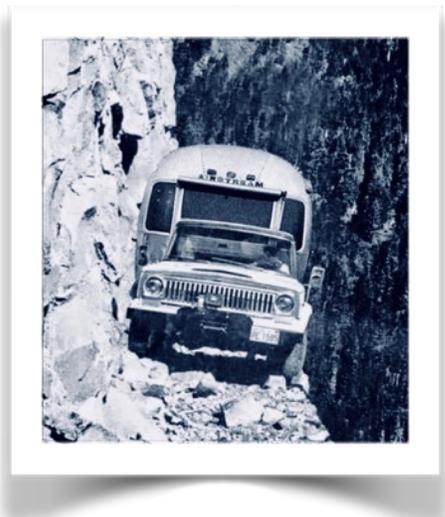
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Whether good news or bad, you won't be completely rid of me. As I step down from President I step into an advisory roll on the executive board of the club. I will be happy to help the board any way that I can.

I want to thank you all for your support of the club. I look forward to seeing you at one of the upcoming events. Please keep in touch, you have my number.

***Keep the shiny side up.***

Ben Schofield  
President, Utah's Wasatch Airstream Club



## ***His and Hers Favorite Camping Destinations***

**By Keith Lund**

Jeanne and I have really enjoyed traveling and camping in our Airstream over the past 5 years. Whether we are dry camping in the middle of nowhere or in an RV park in the middle of a small town, we really like it all. The campfire, cooking outside, sitting in lawn chairs watching the stars and waking up to the sound of the coffee pot perking on the stove are some of our favorite shared moments during any trip.

However when it comes to favorite activities once we reach our destination that is when we each have our distinct favorite things to do. I like to hike and fish. Jeanne would rather watch paint dry than participate in either of those "boring" hobbies. Jeanne loves to play golf and also enjoys an occasional game of chance. Be it a slot machine or a game of Texas Holdem or a hand of Gin Rummy with another player, she can get into any of it.

Therefore we each have our own pick of favorite camping destinations.

Mine would Double Cabin, an area high in the Absaroka Range in Wyoming.

Hers would be Cactus Pete's RV Park in Jackpot. Jackpot is a small town in northern Nevada between Wells and Twin Falls, Idaho.

### **Double Cabin**

A fishing trip to Wyoming would not be complete without a stopover at Double Cabin. Fishing for wild cutthroat trout in the Wiggins Fork or Frontier Creek is about as close to fishing nirvana as it gets. It is about a two-hour drive from the town of Dubois on a nicely graded gravel road over some of the most beautiful country that you will ever experience in the West. A guide friend of mine once told me that grizzly bears only live in beautiful places. That is very true for Double Cabin. Bear spray is a good thing to



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carry and be bear aware with food overnight.

There is a great National Forest Service primitive campground at Double Cabin or many areas in the surrounding meadows for “dry camping” away from others.

There is also a great RV park in Dubois if you do not want to drive the gravel road. It is called The Longhorn Lodge and RV Resort. It is a great spot right on the Wind River with full hookups, lots of grass, trees and room between spots.

Our two favorite dining spots in Dubois are The Cowboy Cafe and also The Nostalgia Bistro. Both are typical Wyoming. While in Dubois, you have to check out The General Store in the middle of town. Great place for amazing western wear, cowboy boots, all kinds of other Western paraphernalia and good spot for fishing tackle and advice.

To get to Dubois from SLC take I-80 East to Rock Springs, then drive north on State Road 191 to Farson. Then go east on US-26 to Lander and then on north on US-26/287 to Dubois. Anyone in town can point out the road to Double Cabin area. It is just across the main road from the General Store. The phone number for reservations at The Longhorn Ranch is (307) 455-2337.

### **Cactus Pete’s RV Park and Golf Course**

The Saguaro RV Park at Cactus Pete’s is awesome. It is very quiet and a ways off the main road that travels through Jackpot so it is quiet. More grass, trees and open area than you would expect in such a remote

area of northern Nevada. 91 full hook-up camping spots but reservations are probably a good idea especially on the weekends in the summer. There are several casinos in Jackpot offering a reasonable number of dining options. The 18 hole, full-sized golf course is a 3 minute drive from the RV park and never seems very crowded. It is kept in amazing condition and is a fun and casual course to play. It has a lot of elevated views of all the great open area surrounding Jackpot.

To get to Jackpot from SLC you would take I-80 West through Wendover and on to Wells, Nevada. From there turn north on US 93 for 67 miles to Jackpot. Total drive time from Salt Lake City is 3 ¾ hours for a total of 247 miles.

Call Cactus Pete’s reservation desk to reserve for the campground:

(775) 755-2321.



### ***Bear Lake Fall Rally Recap: “Blast from the Past”***

Holy cow! Who knew this group of adults could be so much fun! A great group of UWAC members and friends from neighboring states gathered from 9/29 to 10/1 at Bear Lake State Park (Big Creek Campground) for a weekend of games and camaraderie. We enjoyed a chili cook-off, scavenger hunt, costume party, campfire with s’mores, games/prizes galore, and

lots of good food & company. Special thanks to our fantastic co-hosts, Joan and Steve Brinton and Linda and Ron Seitz, for such an energetic and well-planned rally! Special thanks to Linda Seitz for her beautiful hand-crafted UWAC quilt which was raffled-off and won by Lorri Karpinski.



### **CLUB TIDBITS**

The complete directory of **current UWAC members** can be found on the website.  
<http://utahswasatchairstreamclub.wbcci.net/members-only/>

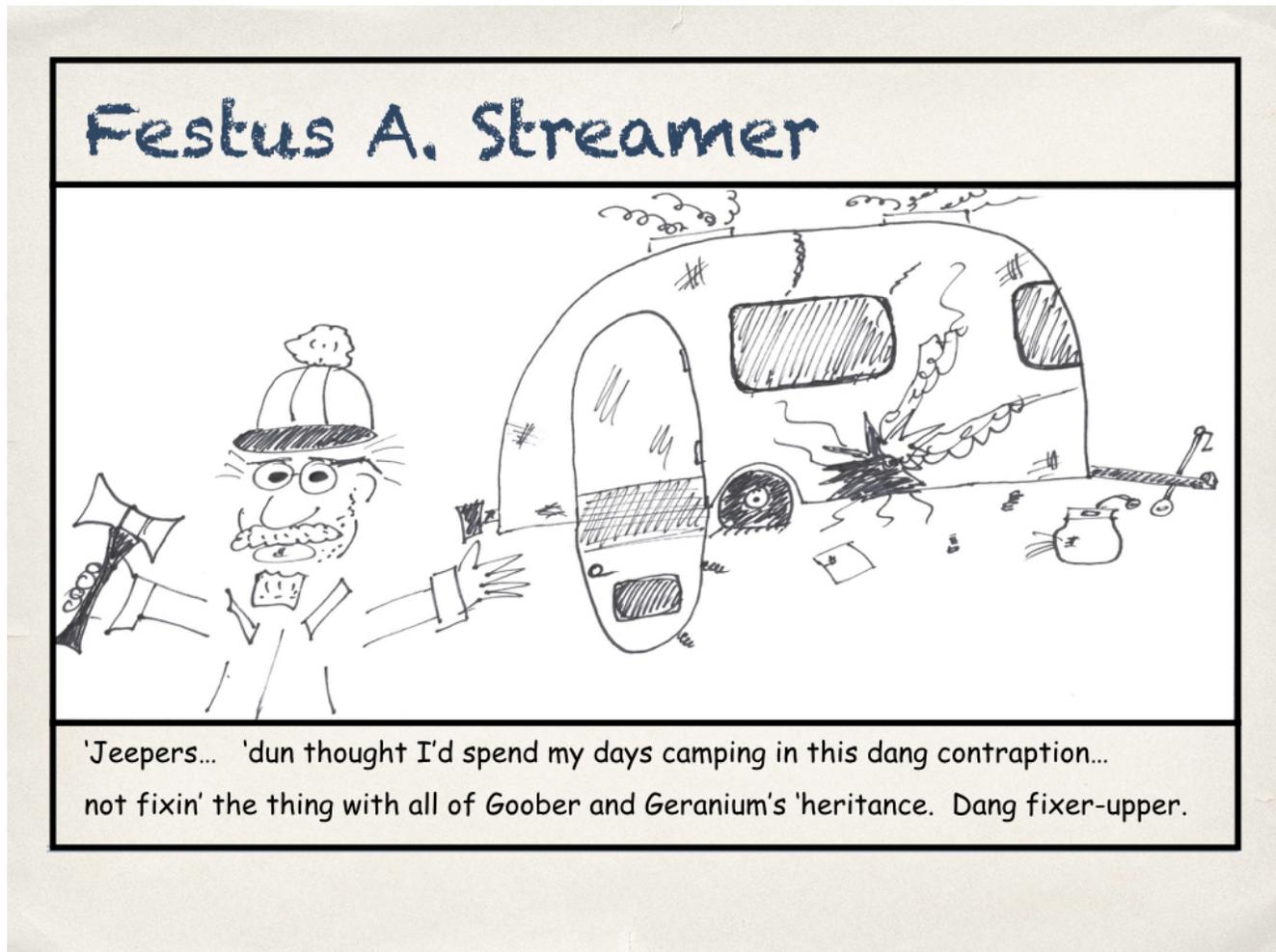
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- ☑ **Winning Chili Recipe from Bear Lake** (Joan Brinton)...2 cans kidney beans drained not rinsed...1 can tomato soup... 2Tbs. prepared mustard... 1/4 cup brown sugar... 1lb. hamburger... 1 onion chopped... Brown meat and onions and then add other ingredients. Serve with chopped onions, grated cheese and sour cream. I always double or triple this recipe as it freezes well. Enjoy!
  - ☑ **Another Favorite Camp Spot** (Update from Cindy Smith)... We are boondocking on the south shore of Henry's Lake, Island Park, Idaho. Spectacular. There is a \$5 dump site close by at Mack's Inn. Also there is a decent, albeit expensive, grocery store. We filled up on fresh water at a friend's cabin so didn't check out the availability. We now have an additional 50-gallon bladder in the back of our truck so we are good with water for longer



periods of time. We are going back next year. It's a glorious spot with fabulous bird watching. 20 minutes from West Yellowstone. Of course, great fly-fishing. Hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season. Our plan is to head south to Big Bend National Park in Texas in mid-January. See you out there somewhere next year.

- ☑ **Helpful Hints** (by Howard Efner, 4CU Treasurer)... Here is a tip that I picked up at the 4CU Pancho Villa Rally. For a sewer hose that is difficult to fully seat or remove, a locking oil filter wrench ( #66568 ) from the automotive section of Harbor Freight will give you the added bit of torque necessary to do the job.

- ☑ **Festus A. Streamer** (by R. Jorgensen)  
Ughh.... from an engineer, not an artist.



- ☑ **Article of Interest and Note from Grant Clayton....** I recently read with interest the WSJ article “The Unimprovable Awards: Tech’s Tastemakers Pick Their Favorite Things” located at <https://graphics.wsj.com/image-grid/future-of-everything/> where billionaire Steve Case lauds his Airstream (I think it will let you in without a subscription). I’m passing this article along in case you want to quote Mr. Case thinking that his Airstream is the most fun way to get around, which is impressive knowing that he could travel via any mode he chooses. Gail says she has posted all of her photos to the facebook page. Gail and I regret that we did not make it to the end-of-season gathering last Saturday. We’ll look forward to seeing you and everyone at the next gathering.
- ☑ **Friendly Note from Our New Friends at Airstream of Utah...** Hello Airstream friends, My wife, Laura and I have been really grateful to get to know you this year and work with you all. Starting a new business is a remarkable experience, your support has helped us tremendously! We have had an incredible first year and we expect to grow even more next year. We ask for your continued support by referring your friends and family to the

Airstream of Utah dealership. We promise to treat them like family. To thank you for your referrals we would like to offer a \$100 VISA gift card to you for any referrals that purchase an Airstream trailer or touring coach in 2018. We hope you have a wonderful holiday season and we'll see you soon!

With care and friendship,

Dennis and Laura Decker



**Congratulations to New Slate of Officers for 2018!** Special thanks to our outgoing club president, Ben Schofield. We all owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to Ben for his exemplary leadership over the past 2 years in getting the Utah AS chapter up and running. He and Julie have been steadfast leaders with tremendous growth in club membership and activities to show for their efforts. The good news: Julie was installed as the new UWAC president at our end-of-season club party on November 4th. Congratulations to the entire slate of new officers and directors (terms begin 1/1/18):

**New Officers:** Julie Schofield – President; Peter VanHook 1st Vice-President; Jim Powell – 2nd Vice-President; Keith Lund – Treasurer; Open – Secretary.

**Directors (continuation):** Bonnie Ruskauff – Membership Director; John Ruskauff – Social Media Chair; Ron Jorgensen – Webmaster; Open – Event Chair.

**Season's Greetings and Holiday Wishes...** May the Spirit of the Holidays be with you throughout the New Year!! *Here's an Airstream picture from below our Christmas tree...*

